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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/31/49

WEATHER The week was mostly clear and sunny, with low humidity and no rainfall. Temperatures were generally above normal until the last day, when a hard freeze occurred over the entire State.

CROPS Corn dried rapidly during the dry weather the past week. The freeze caught all of the corn throughout the State including some in southern Nebraska that had not been frosted up to last Saturday. However, the leaves were dry on most of this corn.

Corn picking made good progress throughout the State, particularly in northeastern Nebraska. Reports by counties on the percentage of corn picked up to last Saturday are as follows: Boyd, 15%; Dakota, 50%; Pierce, 35%; Buffalo, 20%; Butler, 40%; Franklin, 30%; Webster, 35%. Dakota county probably suffered the most from wind damage; it is estimated that 10 to 20% of the corn is on the ground. Other counties have reported more or less corn on the ground but the amount varies considerably. It appears that most of the corn will be harvested by mechanical pickers and the fields gleaned afterward because of varying amounts of corn that is on the ground. Also, the storm damage has made harvest with mechanical pickers somewhat difficult.

Some of the southern counties are still reporting a high moisture content. Kearney reports 28 to 34%; Fillmore, 18 to 25%; Thayer reports a high moisture content; Hamilton county says that the average moisture content dropped 4% last week. The freeze last Sunday should help materially to get the corn in better shape for picking. Comments on the yield range considerably from yields below expectations to good yields, some reporting the best in years.

Reports on winter wheat continue very favorable. Considerable of the wheat is being pastured. Harvest of the late commercial potato crop is completed. About 80 to 85% of the sugar beets are harvested. Yields in sugar content are high.

LIVESTOCK The October 1 quarterly cattle feeder estimate indicated 8% fewer cattle on feed than a year ago despite the fact that shipments to the country for July to September inclusive were up 38%. Some of the cattle are being pastured on the corn fields. Dixon county reports four flocks of sheep pasturing in the corn fields, something which hasn't been seen for years. A decade or so ago, many sheep were pastured and finished in cornfields in northeast Nebraska. Holt county reports a heavy number of feeder cattle to market during the past several weeks. A considerable number of hogs are being marketed.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending October 31, 1949

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11-1-49
Eastern Division

Grand Island	0
Lincoln	0
Norfolk	0
Omaha	0
Sioux City	0

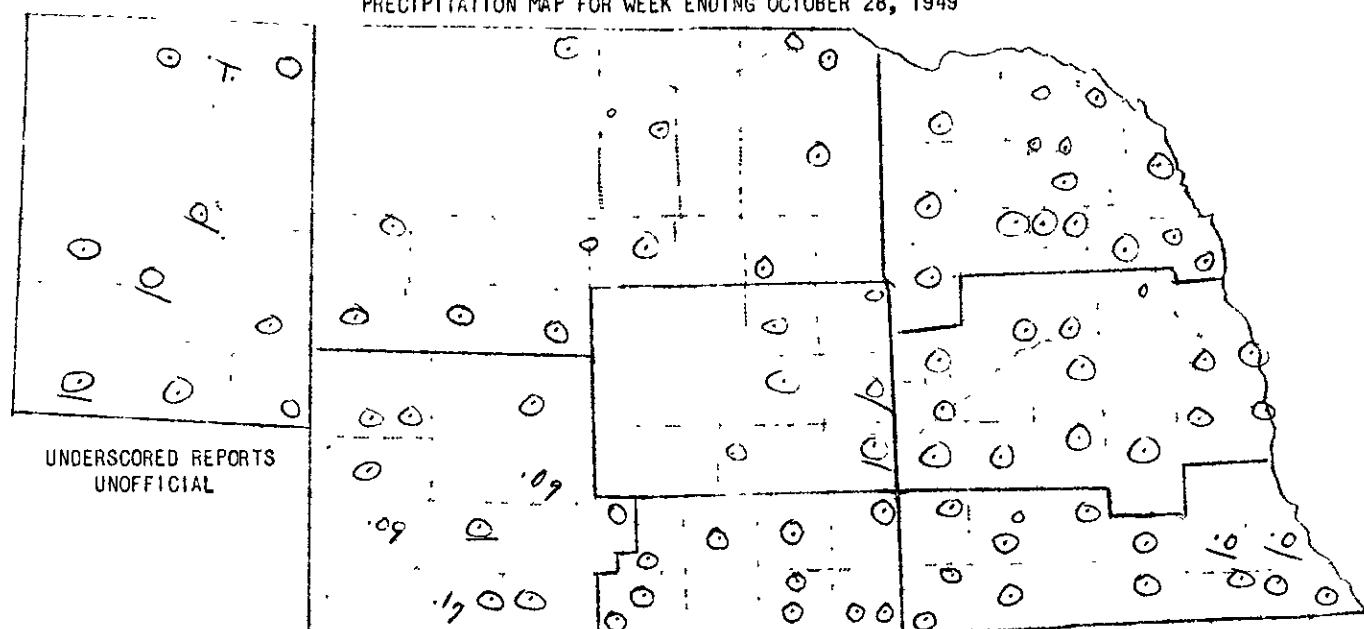
Central Division

Burwell	0
North Platte	0
Valentine	0

Western Division

Chadron	0
Hayes Center	.01
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	.03

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1949



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HRS. ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		OCTOBER													
		25TH		26TH		27TH		28TH		29TH		30TH		31ST	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	64	40	54	25	72	37	67	26	70	45	56	28	47	25
	SCOTTSBLUFF	63	39	57	29	71	32	69	27	68	42	52	27	47	24
	SIDNEY	58	33	58	29	72	28	67	23	67	31	49	26	46	17
N-C	BURWELL	57	42	52	27	64	40	71	—	71	48	60	34	43	17
	VALENTINE	58	46	51	30	68	38	68	31	70	53	57	29	40	23
NE	NORFOLK	51	42	—	—	—	—	72	36	72	50	63	37	45	16
	SIOUX CITY	49	44	50	23	58	40	70	38	72	43	64	37	46	18
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	53	41	55	31	62	47	71	38	72	49	64	37	50	20
E-C	LINCOLN	53	41	55	31	60	45	71	46	71	49	68	39	53	21
	OMAHA	51	42	54	29	57	42	72	45	71	50	68	42	54	21
SW	HAYES CENTER	55	36	61	32	67	35	72	36	69	41	57	34	47	22
	NORTH PLATTE	56	40	57	33	66	38	71	32	69	37	56	32	46	20

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